

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-23, 25, 26 and 75 were pending in this application. Claims 2, 10, 24 and 27-74 were canceled previously. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-23, 26 and 75 are now canceled without prejudice and without conceding to the Examiner's characterizations.


The Examiner maintained rejections on claims 1, 3-9, 11-23, 26 and 75. While Applicant does not concede to these rejections, these claims have been canceled. Applicant reserves its right to prosecute these canceled claims in a continuation application.

Claim 25 has been allowed and is the only claim currently pending. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested. If the Examiner has any outstanding issues, the courtesy of a phonecall is requested.

**AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 18-0586. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

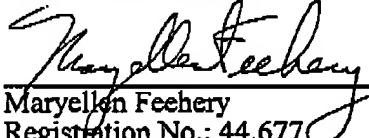
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